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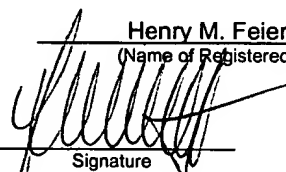
In re Application of:)
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Appl. No.: 09/727,109) Group Art Unit: 3682
Filed: November 30, 2000)
For: ADJUSTING DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to E) which were cited in the European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding European patent application No. EP 00 12 0439. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	USA	4,120,057 A	Neumann	10-17-1978
B)	USA	5,568,661 A	Bathrick et al.	10-29-1996
C)	Germany	297 10 298 U	Okin	08-14-1997
D)	Germany	196 47 544 C	Hanning	04-23-1998
E)	USA	5,787,528 A	Antinori	08-04-1998

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

- ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 1.53(d), so that no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 is due.
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☐ The undersigned submits the following statement requesting consideration of this statement:

The undersigned hereby states:

☐ That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement;

☐ That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the European Search Report together with a translation of the relevant pages thereof.

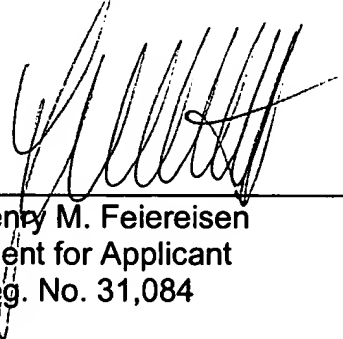
The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

Respectfully submitted

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VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, Barbara Ernzerhoff-Snow, resident of the United States, residing at 350 Manhattan Avenue, Apt. 3A, New York, N.Y. 10026, depose and state that:

1. I am familiar with the English and German languages.
2. I have read the attached European Search report regarding European patent application no. EP 00 12 0439.
3. The hereto attached English language text is an accurate translation thereof.

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